

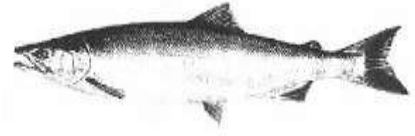
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Unless specifically stated otherwise, all closed waters as listed in 5AAC 21.350 and in the map packet distributed by the Homer ADF&G office remain in effect for the 2012 season. These areas are defined by GPS points and are listed at the bottom of this announcement.

OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas will open for a 16-hour fishing period from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Monday, August 6,

- the Koyuktolik (Dogfish) Subdistrict west of the longitude of the mouth of the lagoon channel, (151° 52.72' W. long),
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, and
- the Port Dick Subdistrict **excluding** waters in Port Dick North and Port Dick South sections.

Preliminary harvest estimates from the 7/30 and 7/31 fishing periods are 25,000 chum and 16,000 pink salmon harvested from Port Dick, and 8,500 chum and 8,000 pink salmon from Rocky Bay. An aerial survey of the Outer and Eastern districts is scheduled for today.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the China Poot Subdistrict excluding the China Poot SHA, and waters of the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon will open to commercial salmon **purse seine harvest** for 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM daily from Monday, August 6 through Wednesday, August 8. In addition, waters of the Seldovia Subdistrict, waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict east of 151° 48.50' west longitude, and waters of the Humpy Creek Subdistrict south of Mallard Bay (59° 40.74' N. lat.) will open for a 16-hour fishing period from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Monday, August 6.

The China Poot SHA is defined in 5 AAC 21.373 as, "the marine waters of the China Poot Bay Subdistrict in the Southern District shoreward of and enclosed by a line from 59° 34.66' N. lat., 151° 19.27' W. long., to 59° 35.08' N. lat., 151° 19.77' W. long., to 59° 33.09' N. lat., 151° 25.22' W. long., to 59° 32.84' N. lat., 151° 24.90' W. long.;"

Also within the Southern District, waters of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, the Halibut Cove Subdistrict and the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict remain open to commercial salmon **set gillnet harvest** on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Sat. until further notice. The Port Graham Subdistrict will remain closed to commercial set gillnet harvest.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Bruin Bay Subdistrict excluding the Kirchner Lake Special Harvest Area, and waters of the Chenik Subdistrict excluding Chenik Lagoon remain open to commercial seine harvest on a seven day per week schedule. Remaining subdistricts in the Kamishak Bay District **excluding** the McNeil and Paint River subdistricts are open on this schedule.

Closed waters as established by emergency order 2-F-H-001-12 on May 21, 2012 are listed below:

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.

(a) Salmon may not be taken in any of the waters listed in this section.

(d) Southern District

(1) northeast of a line from a point at 59° 44.50' N. lat., 151° 02.10' W. long., to a point on the shore one-half statute mile southwest of the terminus of Swift Creek at 59° 47.15' N. lat., 151° 05.45' W. long.;

(2) waters of China Poot Bay south and east of a line beneath the Homer Electric Association power line from a point on the north shore of the north arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.92' N. lat., 151° 15.42' W. long., to a point on the peninsula between the north and south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.47' N. lat., 151° 15.71', to a point on the south shore of the south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.21' N. lat., 151° 16.46' W. long.;

(3) waters of Sadie Cove south of 59° 30.00' N. lat.;

(4) waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59° 25.50' N. lat.;

(5) waters of Jakolof Bay south of 59° 28.07' N. lat.;

(6) waters of Seldovia Bay south of a line from 59° 25.09' N. lat., 151° 42.57' W. long., to 59° 24.84' N. lat., 151° 43.06' W. long.;

- (7) waters of Port Graham Bay south of 59° 20.44' N. lat.;
- (8) Northshore Subdistrict.
- (e) Kamishak Bay District
 - (1) waters of Cottonwood Bay west of a line from 59° 38.39' N. lat., 153° 39.41' W. long., to 59° 37.68' N. lat., 153° 39.51' W. long.;
 - (2) Waters of Chenik Lagoon south and west of 59° 13.42' N. lat., 154° 07.32' W. long.;
 - (3) Waters of Iniskin Bay north of a line from 59° 46.05' N. lat., 153° 27.82' W. long., to 59° 46.69' N. lat., 153° 26.01' W. long.;
 - (4) Waters of Right Arm in Iniskin Bay east of a line from 59° 43.93' N. lat., 153° 22.83' W. long., to 59° 42.90' N. lat., 153° 22.86' W. long.;
 - (5) Waters of Ursus Cove west of a line from 59° 32.43' N. lat., 153° 46.06' W. long., to 59° 31.20' N. lat., 153° 45.74' W. long.;
- (f) Outer District
 - (1) waters of Port Chatham east of a line from 59° 13.32' N. lat., 151° 43.41' W. long., to 59° 12.59' N. lat., 151° 43.55' W. long.;
 - (2) waters of Windy Bay west of 151° 32.85' W. long.;
 - (3) waters of Taylor Bay north of 59° 18.00' N. lat.;
 - (4) waters of Tacoma Cove and Sunday Harbor east of 151° 01.15' W. long.;
 - (5) waters of Koyuktolik (Dogfish Bay) east of a line from 59° 14.45' N. lat., 151° 52.72' W. long., to 59° 14.25' N. lat., 151° 52.90' W. long.;
 - (6) waters of Chugach Bay west of a line from 59° 11.36' N. lat., 151° 37.57' W. long., to 59° 11.03' N. lat., 151° 37.25' W. long.;
 - (7) waters of Rocky Bay inshore of a line from 59° 14.92' N. lat., 151° 23.82' W. long., to 59° 14.72' N. lat., 151° 23.32' W. long.;
 - (8) waters of Port Dick west of a line from 59° 18.16' N. lat., 151° 17.33' W. long., to 59° 18.60' N. lat., 151° 17.10' W. long.;
 - (9) waters of Middle Creek north of a line from 59° 18.18' N. lat., 151° 12.13' W. long., to 59° 18.08' N. lat., 151° 13.13' W. long.;
 - (10) waters of Island Creek inshore of a line from 59° 17.09' N. lat., 151° 08.78' W. long., to 59° 17.11' N. lat., 151° 08.30' W. long. and inshore of a line from 59° 17.04' N. lat., 151° 08.06' W. long., to 59° 16.88' N. lat., 151° 07.15' W. long., and including the waters northwest of the island between these two lines;
 - (11) waters of McCarty Fjord north of a line from 59° 37.52' N. lat., 150° 19.18' W. long., to 59° 37.03' N. lat., 150° 17.01' W. long.;
 - (12) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.76' N. lat., by 150° 20.20' W. long. to a point offshore of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.45' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long., to a point south of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 31.90' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long.;
 - (13) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 35.02' N. lat., by 150° 17.86' W. long. to a point south of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 34.68' N. lat., by 150° 17.95' W. long.;
- (g) Eastern District
 - (1) waters of Resurrection Bay west of a line from a point near the old military dock pilings on the west shore of Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head at 60° 00.48' N. lat., 149° 24.20' W. long., to a point near the Seward Airport at 60° 07.49' N. lat., 149° 24.72' W. long.;
 - (2) king and coho salmon may not be taken in waters of Resurrection Bay north of a line from Cape Resurrection (59° 52.00' N. lat., 149° 16.71' W. long.) to Aialik Cape (59° 42.39' N. lat., 149° 31.29' W. long.);
 - (3) waters of Aialik Bay north of 59° 53.47' N. lat.
- (h) In any bay, estuary, slough, or lagoon less than 300 feet in width at mean low tide.
- (i) In all other streams or rivers within 500 yards of the terminus or as posted as specified in 5AAC 39.290.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time in season either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Wednesday, August 8.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.